

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-140 are pending in the above-identified patent application. Of those, claims 15-20, 41-46 and 67-72 have been withdrawn from consideration in view of applicants' December 18, 2003 reply to the Examiner's July 2, 2003 restriction requirement.

The Examiner has found that within the invention elected in reply to the previous restriction requirement, there are allegedly three further distinct inventions, and has required restriction to one of those inventions, as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-14, 27-40, 53-66, 80-93, 100-113 and 120-133, drawn to a method and apparatus for determining a preferred angular orientation of a golf club shaft.

Group II: Claims 21-25, 47-51, 73-77, 79, 94-98, 114-118, 134-138 and 140, drawn to a method and apparatus for determining a preferred angular orientation of a golf club shaft.

Group III: Claims 26, 52, 78, 99, 119 and 139, drawn to a method and apparatus for determining a preferred angular orientation of a golf club shaft.

Applicants' Election

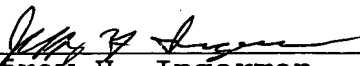
Applicants provisionally elect, for examination in this application, the invention of Group I (claims 1-14, 27-40, 53-66, 80-93, 100-113 and 120-133).

Applicants hereby traverse the restriction requirement to the following extent:

The Examiner has characterized each invention as "a method and apparatus for determining a preferred angular orientation of a golf club shaft." However, each group of claims includes claims directed to a method and apparatus for determining a preferred angular orientation of a structural member, which may be a golf shaft or something else (see, specification, paragraph [0153]). Therefore, applicants believe that a better characterization of each invention is

"a method and apparatus for determining a preferred angular orientation of a structural member."

Respectfully submitted,



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